Honble. The
To the General Assembly of the Province of the
Massachusetts Bay. Now Assembled

Sirs.

We the Subscribers, Immediately after the Battle of Lexington on the Nineteenth of April 1775. Were by the Committee of Safety, Appointed Field Officers, to raise, Embody, & Discipline, a Regiment of Men, to Repel the Hostile Attempts of a Barbarous & Bloody Enemy, who Threatned destruction to all Around them. For the Incouragement and Support of the Officers & Soldiers, That Honble. Committe, handed to us an Establishment Pass'd in Provincial Congress, for the Months Pay of each Officer & Soldier, which has been punctually fulfilled to every one, except the Field Officers. who are now Informed, their Wages are Curtailed, for What reason they cannot tell, they are sensible a Proposal Was made by a Committe, to a Number of the Col.s of the Regiments in Cambridge, to reduce their Wages, which we are informed some of them consented to. we were not consulted, nor knew any thing respecting their deliberations. and are consequently very differently Circumstanced. we think it a point of Duty to inform the Assembly of our Dissatisfaction in being deny'd our full Wages Agreeable to the Establishment, and as every other Officer & every Soldier has been paid Agreeable to the Establishment, and the Officers of those of our Sister Colonies who were sent to Compleat the Army, have been paid by a like Establishment copy'd from ours. we cannot but view the Singling out the Field Officers. as a high Reflection on their honor, and would therefore beg the Honble Assembly, would take the Matter into Consideration & Order the full Wages to be paid.

We are with the Highest Respect their
Most Obed.t Hble. Serv.ts,

John Glover. Coll.

Gab.l Johonnot. Lt Col.o

William Lee. Maj.

Beverly 12.th June 1776

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